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BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

I am seeking appointment to the Bankruptcy Mediation Panel for the United States Bankruptcy Court for Eastern District of Washington. I am a Washington native and I reside with my wife and two teenage children in Poulsbo, Washington. I have practiced before the Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington since my admission to the Washington State Bar Association in 1984.

My practice focuses on creditor-debtor relations and commercial law matters. My experience in bankruptcy court ranges from business reorganizations to complex and contentious adversary proceedings. I have represented (and continue to represent) consumers, small businesses and sophisticated commercial parties in all manner of bankruptcy cases.

My greatest strengths are my communication skills, ability to listen, and practical approach to problem solving. I have the respect of the attorneys and judges with whom I deal and my reputation is that of a lawyer who can be trusted both at his word and to get things done. I do not have formal training in alternative dispute resolution. I do have, however, the fundamental attributes that are necessary to effectively assist people in resolving their differences.

Although I do not reside in the Eastern District of Washington, I believe my location may in fact enhance my value as a mediator. Because I am not involved with the Eastern District bar on a day-to-day basis, I am not encumbered with personal histories or interpersonal conflicts that might otherwise impair a mediator's effectiveness in a given situation. Depending upon the participants and the issues at stake, a more geographically distant mediator may be of significant advantage.

If appointed, I would be a valuable addition to the mediation panel. I respectfully request that my application be thoughtfully considered.

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